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Evergreen Ships Initial Production of AcceleraPCI— Industry's Only Pentium to Pentium II Upgrade Platform

**Enables upgrade configuration using latest 370-pin package Intel Celeron CPUs—
including newly-announced 466 MHz—and up to 256 megabytes of high-speed memory**

Corvallis, Oregon—April 26, 1999— Evergreen Technologies, Inc., an industry leader in upgrade solutions for personal computers, today shipped initial production units of the eagerly-awaited *AcceleraPCI*™ upgrade platform — a revolutionary approach to upgrading desktop PC performance with an industry standard PCI card. *AcceleraPCI*, formerly called EclipsePCI, is the industry's only upgrade solution that provides a way for users of Intel® Pentium® processor-based PCs to upgrade to Pentium II processor architecture and utilize the latest memory and bus technologies. *AcceleraPCI* allows customers to specify their upgrade solution based on the price, performance and functionality needed. The platform can be configured using any of the latest 370-pin package Intel Celeron™ processors—from 333 MHz to the new 466 MHz—and from 32 to 256 megabytes of high-speed PC66 and PC100 SDRAM memory.

Evergreen's *AcceleraPCI* also solves the Y2K problem at the hardware level by automatically correcting the date/time rollover in the system's BIOS for the year 2000, leap year and beyond. Customers may still need to work with the software developers responsible for their operating system and application software to ensure their software is Y2K compliant.

***AcceleraPCI* Product Roadmap – Three Versions**

Evergreen's *AcceleraPCI* upgrade platform has completed a rigorous beta test program. "We learned that the *AcceleraPCI* is an ideal performance upgrade for the corporate computing environment," said Mike Magee, president and CEO of Evergreen Technologies, Inc. "It radically improves the system-level performance of business software used in large corporations, such as Microsoft® Office."

The *AcceleraPCI* beta program helped define three platform model releases. Today's initial release is a solution that Evergreen believes will address 90% of the installed base of Pentiums. A second model for release Q3, 1999 addresses certain bus mastering 3D graphics and high-end SCSI cards that have some compatibility issues with the initial release of *AcceleraPCI*, due to the way device drivers for these cards were implemented. This model will target the power-user or high-end gamer, which represents approximately 5% of the installed base. A third model, targeted for release Q4, 1999, will be specifically designed for PCs with Via, UMC, Opti and Compaq custom chipsets. If customers have questions, they can call the Evergreen *AcceleraPCI* information line at 888.380.7111.

Evergreen's *AcceleraPCI* incorporates the Intel 440 ZX chipset and the latest Socket-370 CPU interface, supporting Intel Celeron processors with integrated L2 cache. *AcceleraPCI* also supports Intel's future 100 MHz front side bus standard. "Our engineers developed a robust, flexible platform using advanced chipset support that we plan to use many years into the future as faster processors and memory become available," continued Mike Magee.

AcceleraPCI does not require any software drivers or operating system modifications, a benefit in the corporate environment. The user does not have to reload OS or application software, unlike a new PC or motherboard replacement. *AcceleraPCI* fits into a PCI slot and takes only minutes to install. The user does not have to remove or modify the processor or memory in the existing PC. Once *AcceleraPCI* is installed and the PC rebooted, the upgrade takes control of the PC.

Two Performance Benchmarks

AcceleraPCI upgrades Pentium PCs to the performance of comparably configured new PCs.

The following Intel Media benchmark illustrates a 4 to 5x performance gain.

Original Pentium PC CPU Speed (MHz), RAM (MB)	Before Upgrading Pentium	After Upgrading Pentium w/AcceleraPCI
133 MHz, 32 MB	112	433 MHz, 64 MB — 494
166 MHz, 32 MB	132	433 MHz, 64 MB — 494
200 MHz, 32 MB	154	433 MHz, 64 MB — 494

Based on overall score of Intel Media Benchmark version 1.0 for Windows 98. Test system configuration: Intel Hitman ATX system board, Gateway 2000 P-5xxx OEM; ATI Rage PCI IIC VGA card; 32 MB EDO DIMM; Intel Pentium processor at respective speeds; 512K L2 cache onboard; WD Caviar 13200 3.2 GB HDD; Toshiba 6x CDROM; 1.44 MB floppy disk; Creative Labs CT2890 ISA Vibra 16 Audio card; 3Com 10 BaseT PCI 10/100. *AcceleraPCI* card configuration: 370-pin Intel Celeron 433 MHz processor; Intel BX chipset; ROM ver. 97 prebeta; 66 MHz bus; Aavid heat sink/fan; 64 MB SODIMM RAM.

The Winstone® 99 benchmark illustrates a 3x performance gain over a 233 MHz Pentium PC w/ MMX™.

Original Pentium PC CPU Speed (MHz), RAM (MB)	Before Upgrading Pentium	After Upgrading Pentium w/AcceleraPCI
233 MHz, 32 MB	9.91	433 MHz, 128 MB — 27.50

Based on overall score of Winstone 99 for Windows NT 4.0, service pack 4. Test system configuration: Dell Dimension XPS M233S; 233MHz Pentium w/MMX motherboard; Intel TigerEye 512K L2 cache on motherboard, Intel 430VX chipset, Toshiba 16x CDROM, ATX motherboard/chassis form factor, Creative Labs Vibra 166 (on board sound) Matrox Millennium 2P, 4MB WRAM.

Availability and Pricing

Evergreen sells *AcceleraPCI* (without CPU and memory) for \$199 MSRP through its national distributors Ingram Micro, Merisel, Tech Data and Pinacore. Evergreen will work through select resellers who have the expertise to assemble the card with processor and memory for end customers. Customers can call the *AcceleraPCI* information line at 888.380.7111 for the reseller nearest them. The *AcceleraPCI* carries a three-year warranty, and technical support is available Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST. For more information on the *AcceleraPCI*, contact Evergreen Technologies, Inc. at 888.380.7111, at www.everttech.com, or send email to upgrade@everttech.com.

About Evergreen Technologies, Inc.

Evergreen Technologies, Inc., based in Corvallis, Oregon, designs, manufactures, distributes and supports processor upgrades for the personal computer marketplace. Since 1989, Evergreen has pioneered a range of solutions that “refresh” older systems to current processor performance and functionality.

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